Rs. 1099.02 Crore. The Government has so far released Rs. 851.37 crores as equity for the project as per details given below:

Year	Equity (Rs./Crs.)
1998-99	5.00
1999-2000	30.00
2000-2001	130.00
2001-2002	207.18
2002-2003	303.35
2003-04 (upto 4.12.2003)	175.84
Total	851.37

The Government is releasing equity for the project according to the expenditure being planned and incurred at the project. The project is scheduled to be commissioned by February, 2007.

Pending power projects collaborated with Foreign Firms

1667. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the number of power projects collaborated with foreign firms pending as on date and their present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): As per available information, at present 3 private sector power projects involving foreign collaboation are under implementation. Apart from these, 11 private power projects involving foreign collaboation can be implemented after tying up of escrow agreement/payment security mechanism in addition to the project specific pending inputs, by the promoters.

Establishment of power project in Nepal

†1668. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to launch a power project in the neighbouring country Nepal;

(b) if so, whether the survey conducted has been for the purpose at some places in Nepal; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.